the water quality of the river Ganga in terms of BOD (Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand), is reported to have improved, as compared to the pre-GAP water quality. The BOD values in 2008 range between 1.2 to 4.8 mg/litre in major monitoring locations as compared to BOD values ranging between 1.7 to 15.5 mg/litre in 1986.

For pollution abatement works in the river Yamuna, Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I was launched in the year 1993. Under this Phase, 269 schemes of pollution abatement were completed at an expenditure of Rs. 682 crore and a treatment capacity of 753.25 mld was created in the States of Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The YAP Phase-II commenced in December, 2004 at a cost of Rs. 624 crore. The water quality of the river Yamuna in terms of BOD values is found to be within the prescribed limits, except in the stretch of Delhi and parts of Uttar Pradesh due to large scale abstraction of fresh water for drinking and other purposes.

In addition to the YAP, the Government of NCT of Delhi has taken up large scale pollution abatement works in Yamuna from its own resources.

The Government has initiated an exercise for revamping the river conservation programme to promote a holistic and integrated approach.

Bidding norms for National Highway projects

*249. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to impose toll for more National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, whether Government has also decided to relax bidding norms for road projects;

(c) whether NH projects have lost World Bank funding;

(d) if so, by what time Government is likely to relax bidding norms for road projects;

(e) whether imposition of toll for more NHs has been agreed; and

(f) the reasons for World Bank refusing to provide loan to NH projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (e) The planned target of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for imposition of toll on completed sections of national highways under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) for the year 2008-09 is 1989 km out of which tolling has already commenced on 741 km length.

(b) and (d) No, Sir. The Government has not relaxed any bidding norms for road projects. However, with regard to short-listing of bidders during pre-qualification, the Government has deleted clause 3.5.2 (which provided for short-listing of only top five-six qualified bidders) of the Model Request For Qualification (RFQ) document on 22nd September, 2008 prospectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Funds under JNNURM

*250. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) during 2008-09 to each State/UT, especially Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of utilization of the funds in each State/UT till date, especially in Uttar Pradesh, along with the achievement of physical and financial targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is a demand driven programme launched in 2005-06 for implementation over a 7 year period up to 2011-12. Budget provision for the year 2008-09 under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is Rs. 3490.34 crore. Budget provision for 2008-09 under UIDSSMT, a sub-component of JNNURM, is Rs. 879.69 crore. State-wise allocation of fund has not been made by Planning Commission during 2008-09.

(b) As JNNURM is a demand driven programme, no physical or financial targets are set by the Government. However, till date, 367 projects at an approved project cost of Rs. 3620522.58 lakh with an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) commitment of Rs. 1745535.81 lakh have been sanctioned. An amount of Rs. 512856.64 lakh has been released to States for utilization in implementation of projects as per details given in the Statement-I. (*See* below) As regards UIDSSMT, an ACA of Rs. 611065.13 lakh has been committed for 505 projects and an amount, of Rs. 319239.22 lakh has been released till date as given in the Statement-II. (*See* below).

In respect of Uttar Pradesh, till date 22 projects at an approved cost of Rs. 294352.43 lakh have been sanctioned under UIG and an amount of Rs. 23903.39 lakh has been released as given in the Statement-III (*See* below).

Under UIDSSMT, for Uttar Pradesh, till date, an ACA of Rs. 79541.35 lakh has been committed for 49 projects and an amount of Rs. 40209.19 lakh has been released as given in the Statement-IV.

Statement-I

JNNURM

Cumulative release of funds for projects sanctioned under Urban Infrastructure and Governance

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of projects sanctioned	Cost of sanctioned projects (Rs. in lakh)	ACA admissible (Rs. in lakh)	ACA released (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42	392496.56	162380.65	62412.36